

In the Specification:

Please make the following changes at the indicated locations in the specification:

Page 1, line 4, please insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 25, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, lines 3 to 5, please make the following changes in this paragraph:

~~The present invention has for an object an agent for coloring hair characterized in that it contains at least one vat dye reduced by use of a compound which in alkaline medium forms an enediol, said agent having a pH of 4 to 11[.]~~ The agent for dyeing hair according to the present invention is characterized by a pH of 4 to 11 and a content of at least one vat dye reduced by a reducing agent compound that forms an enediol in an alkaline medium.

Page 4, lines 7 to 11, please make the following changes in the paragraph between these lines:

For the dyeing that follows the reduction step, ~~we found it to be~~ it is advantageous to add ammonia or ammonium ions, for example in the form of aqueous ammonia or ammonium salts. Amines such as, for example, glucamines, aminomethyl-

propanol, monoethanolamine and triethanolamine, or inorganic bases, for example ammonium carbonate~~[[,]]~~ ammonium hydrogen carbonate or ammonium carbonate {sic} can also be added.

Page 14, lines 25 to 29, please make the following changes in the paragraph between these lines:

10 g of the mixture obtained in this manner was applied to bleached natural hair. The hair was then covered with a plastic cap or plastic sheet. After a treatment time of 30 min at 40°C, 10 g of a 6% aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution was massaged in and allowed to act for 5 ~~52~~ {sic} minutes. The hair was rinsed with water, then with an acidic conditioner and finally dried.